

PLANNING

The mission of the Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD) is to provide information and professional advice for the orderly, efficient and attractive development and redevelopment of land in Wichita and Sedgwick County.



Overview

The MAPD serves as a clearinghouse for development-related data for the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County. The MAPD makes recommendations on development applications and issues to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, the City Council, the County Commission, and various boards and commissions. The MAPD holds workshops and hearings to facilitate citizen involvement in the planning process, and publishes periodic reports on topics such as population growth and development trends.

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The Department consists of four Divisions. The Administration Division is responsible for leadership and department management, overseeing the department budget, monitoring federal and state transportation grants, and recording minutes of several advisory boards. Current Plans administers zoning and subdivision regulations; processes development applications ensuring orderly development of land in a manner that minimizes the cost of providing public services while ensuring that public safety and health concerns are addressed; and maintains the values and quality of life of surrounding properties. Current Plans maintains the official maps reflecting platting, zoning, and rights-of-way. Land Use provides research and policy analysis on community development issues for elected and appointed officials. Land Use and Research supports the development and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan and neighborhood planning initiatives. Transportation Planning provides research and policy analysis on transportation related issues; develops and maintains the transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan; and assists in securing available state and federal transportation funds. Partially funded with grants, the Division is the channel through which Federal and State transportation grants are coordinated.

Located within MAPD, but grant funded, is one senior planner dedicated to historic preservation. Responsibilities include design review for building alterations in and around historic districts, advertisement of a low interest loan program, and community education.

Finance and Operations

The Planning Department is funded 50 percent by the City of Wichita and 50 percent by Sedgwick County, with the exception of Historic Preservation, which is fully funded by grants. The department generates revenue from items such as subdivision plats, rezoning fees, and the sale of maps and planning publications. A ten percent fee adjustment is included for 2002.

	Selected Service Levels			
	1999	2000	2001	2002
Annexation requests	24	16	25	25
Unilateral annexations	10	8	6	2
Small city annexations	1	4	1	1
Annexation staff hours	1,783	1,677	650	500



MAPD staff partners with the community to preserve historic buildings.



In 2000, Transportation Planning began developing new standards for access management for City arterials and rural roads. The goal is to complete the project in 2001. Access management includes the regulation of driveway openings,

limitation of turning movements, location of traffic signals, and other access features to optimally balance the need for accessibility to individual properties with the goal of smooth and safe traffic flow.

In 2000, MapWise became available providing computerized desktop access to zoning maps and making the maps far more accessible than the paper versions.

The 2002 Budget funds MapWise for five

additional planners. Current maps have become available on the desktop, however, numerous maps and documents currently stored on paper are routinely drawn from archives. The 2002 and 2003 budgets

Controlling the placement and appearance of wireless communication towers is one focus of planning staff.

fund imaging technology to transfer historical maps to an electronic format, one-time application costs and the ongoing technological support for six planners. The scanning equipment will be financed by the city at large and will potentially be billed to departments based on usage.

The proliferation of wireless communications and need of supporting towers is a contemporary planning issue.

Considerable time and financial resources have been committed to developing a master plan for the placement of wireless communication towers. The next step is to develop a database of structures, ownership, and equipment located on the existing towers. The 2001 Revised budget includes \$20,000 to contract the fieldwork, the research of ownership records, and the development of a database of structures and equipment. The database will provide data for an accurate tax appraisal, and will facilitate the permitting process.

Summary of Revenue Sources				
\$ In Thousands				
	2000	2001	2002	2003
Historic Preservation grants	82	70	72	76
Planning grants	464	570	586	600
Charges for services	263	258	264	265
Sedgwick County	541	598	628	647
City of Wichita	541	598	628	647
Total Revenue	1,891	2,094	2,178	2,235

City-County Planning Department Budget Summary

	2000 Actual	2001 Adopted	2001 Revised	2002 Adopted	2003 Approved
Personal Services	1,159,634	1,235,930	1,235,800	1,301,150	1,336,370
Contractual Services	172,687	175,300	204,490	201,650	206,270
Commodities	12,837	19,200	17,240	19,760	19,500
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	
Total Fund Expenditures	1,345,158	1,430,430	1,457,530	1,522,560	1,562,140
Less: Sedgwick County contribution	(541,192)	(588,460)	(599,970)	(629,440)	(648,670)
Other revenue	(262,774)	(253,510)	(257,590)	(263,680)	(264,800)
Net Planning Fund Expenditures	541,192	588,460	599,970	629,440	648,670
Grant Resources	546,067	658,480	641,390	658,480	676,390
Local Resources	1,345,159	1,430,430	1,457,530	1,522,560	1,562,140
Total Planning Resources	1,891,226	2,088,910	2,098,920	2,181,040	2,238,530
Full-time positions	30	30	30	30	30
Part-time positions	3	3	3	3	3
Total FTE positions	30.45	30.45	30.45	30.45	30.45